

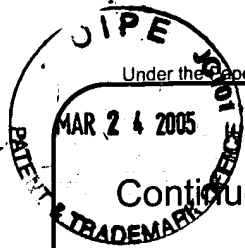
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Application Number	10/016,263
Filing Date	12/10/2001
First Named Inventor	Lawandy et al.
Art Unit	1756
Examiner Name	Angebrannt, Martin J.
Attorney Docket Number	109960.223 US2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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Signature	Mary J. Edwards	Date	03/24/2005
Name (Print/Type)	<i>Mary J. Edwards</i>	Registration No.	55,140

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

For FY 2005

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 395.00

Complete if Known

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	0
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	0
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	0
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	0
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	0

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims - 20 or HP = x =

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

Indep. Claims - 3 or HP = x =

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Multiple Dependent Claims

Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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4. OTHER FEE(S)


Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other: Request for Continued Examination

Fees Paid (\$)

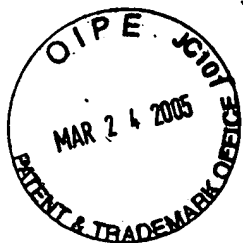
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Applicant: Lawandy, et al. Art Unit: 1756
Application No.: 10/016,263 Examiner: Angebrannndt, Martin J.
Filing Date: December 10, 2001
Title: Limiting Shelf Life for Limited Play Optical Information Storage Media

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Sir,

In connection with the Request for Continued Examination submitted herewith, Applicants provide an Amendment and Response responsive to the Final Office Action of September 24, 2004 as the submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.